



## OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jan. 3, 1954. Fifteen mile diameter circle centered near Lake Temescal: Bay Farm Island, Berkeley Aquatic Park, Point Isabel, Tilden Park, San Pablo Reservoir, Bear Creek Road, Lafayette, St. Mary's College, Orinda, Moraga, San Leandro Reservoir, Redwood Park, Sequoia Park, Joaquin Miller Park, Skyline Blvd., Mills College, Leona Canyon, Lake Merritt, Lake Temescal, Strawberry Canyon, Dimond Canyon, Sunset View Cemetery, Mountain View Cemetery. Common Loon 4, Red-throated Loon 8, Horned Grebe 12, Eared Grebe 77, Western Grebe 60, Pied-billed Grebe 30, White Pelican 2, Brown Pelican 8, Double-crested Cormorant 400, Great Blue Heron 16, Am. Egret 9, Black-crowned Night Heron 9, Canada Goose 520, White-fronted Goose 3, Mallard 725, Am. Widgeon 850, Pintail 1850, Green-winged Teal 27, Shoveller 33, Wood Duck 12, Ring-necked Duck 135, Canvas-back 8100, Greater Scaup 6, Lesser Scaup 120, Scaup sp.? 1075, Am. Golden-eye 150, Buffle-head 41, White-winged Scoter 15, Surf Scoter 290, Scoter sp.? 4500, Ruddy Duck 1800, Hooded Merganser 7, Am. Merganser 89, Red-breasted Merganser 6, Ducks sp.? 5200, Turkey Vulture 6, Sharp-shinned Hawk 6, Cooper Hawk 7, Red-tailed Hawk 37, Marsh Hawk 1, Sparrow Hawk 60, Calif. Quail 300, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Clapper Rail 2, Coot 2800, Snowy Plover 1, Ringed Plover 37, Killdeer 125, Black-bellied Plover 500, Black Turnstone 1, Wilson Snipe 1, Long-billed Curlew 55, Hudsonian Curlew 2, Spotted Sandpiper 3, Willet 1400, Least Sandpiper 530, Red-backed Sandpiper 3750, Dowitcher 165, Western Sandpiper, 15,000, Marbled Godwit 725, Sanderling 850, Avocet 2750, Glaucous-winged Gull 1900, Western Gull 850, Herring Gull 90, Calif. Gull 650, Ring-billed Gull 1300, Short-billed Gull 2750, Bonaparte Gull 265, Forster Tern 25, Band-tailed Pigeon 8, Mourning Dove 188, Screech Owl 1 (freshly killed on road), Horned Owl 3, Burrowing Owl 2, Long-eared Owl 2, Short-eared Owl 3, Anna Hummingbird 67, Belted Kingfisher 3, Red-shafted Flicker 175, Acorn Woodpecker 26, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9, Hairy Woodpecker 2, Downy Woodpecker 20, Nuttall Woodpecker 6, Black Phoebe 20, Say Phoebe 2, Horned Lark 17, Steller Jay 85, Scrub Jay 250, Am. Crow 3, Chestnut-backed Chickadee 36, Plain Titmouse 57, Bushtit 550 (2 nesting), White-breasted Nuthatch 11, Red-breasted Nuthatch 17, Brown Creeper 7, Wren-tit 100, Winter Wren 7, Bewick Wren 14, Rock Wren 1, Mockingbird 13, Calif. Thrasher 13, Robin 3250, Varied Thrush 54, Hermit Thrush 175, Western Bluebird 24, Golden-crowned Kinglet 3, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 70, Water Pipit 55, Cedar Waxwing 400, Loggerhead Shrike 19, Hutton Vireo 10, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Myrtle Warbler 1, Audubon Warbler 135, House Sparrow 600, Western Meadowlark 160, Red-winged Blackbird 190, Brewer Blackbird 550, Purple Finch 36, House Finch 1600, Pine Siskin 47, Am. Goldfinch 12, Lesser Goldfinch 140, Spotted Towhee 110, Brown Towhee 400, Savannah Sparrow 320, Lark Sparrow 4, Rufous-crowned Sparrow 7, Slate-colored Junco 2, Oregon Junco 1675, White-crowned Sparrow 950, Golden-crowned Sparrow 580, White-throated Sparrow 2, Fox Sparrow 200, Lincoln Sparrow 8, Song Sparrow 260. Total 135 species, about 77,352 individuals. Betty and Harry Adamson, War-

ren Armstrong, Albert Boles, Sadie Bozant, Howard Cogswell, Paul Covel, Laurence Curl, Elma Dean, Donald DeFoe, Eve and Lynn Foree, Sid Freitas, Linnell Gates, Jack Guggolz, Bert Harwell, Joel Hedgpeth, Lillian Henningson, Al Johnson, David Johnston, Junea W. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kendall, Celeste and Wm. Kirsher, Bob Kurtz, Wm. Landels, Richard and Mary Leinbach, Don McDonald, Isabel McGeehon, Jim Meritt, Arthur Myer, Elizabeth O'Meara, Paul Opler, Don Patton, Bob Perry, Harold Peterson, Wm. Pope, Russell Pray, Amy Rinehart, Kenneth Schulz, Dorothy Dean and Frank Scott, Sandy Sprunt, Lee Stallcup, Marie Sterne, Grove Thomas, Evelyn Van Scyoc, Peter Veitch, Henry Wagner, Blanche Wallace, Norma Warner, Phila Wetherell, Herbert Wong, Minnie Young — total observers 56.

—A. LAURENCE CURL, *Compiler.*

## SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dec. 27, 1953. Marina, Lincoln Park, Twin Peaks, Sutro Forest, Land's End, Presidio, Golden Gate Park, Stern Grove, Treasure Island, San Francisco Bayshore, Pacific Ocean Beach, Seal Rocks, Lake Merced, Fleishhacker Area, Marin Shoreline, McLaren Park and 22 smaller city parks. Common Loon 2, Arctic Loon 9, Red-throated Loon 22, Red-necked Grebe 2, Horned Grebe 3, Eared Grebe 131, Western Grebe 239, Pied-billed Grebe 35, Fulmar 8, Brown Pelican 135, Double-crested Cormorant 1954, Brandt Cormorant 2159, Great Blue Heron 3, Am. Egret 2, Black-crowned Night Heron 1, White-fronted Goose 1, Canada (lesser) Goose 1, Mallard 1020, Gadwall 2, European Widgeon 1, Am. Widgeon 449, Pintail 139, Shoveller 47, Ring-necked Duck 63, Canvasback 154, Greater Scaup 43, Lesser Scaup 90, Am. Golden-eye 3, Buffle-head 1, White-winged Scotter 65, Surf Scoter 405, Ruddy Duck 320, Hooded Merganser 1, Red-breasted Merganser 6, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Cooper Hawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 9, Sparrow Hawk 30, Calif. Quail 145, Sora 1, Coot 997, Snowy Plover 45, Killdeer 111, Black-bellied Plover 20, Surf-bird 23, Black Turnstone 25, Wilson Snipe 5, Long-billed Curlew 1, Wandering Tattler 2, Willet 15, Red-backed Sandpiper 25, Western Sandpiper 2, Marbled Godwit 1, Sanderling 553, Glaucous Gull 2, Glaucous-winged Gull 2167, Western Gull 8471, Herring Gull 274, Calif. Gull 12,091, Ring-billed Gull 397, Short-billed Gull 935, Bonaparte Gull 43, Common Murre 29, Rhinoceros Auklet 1, Mourning Dove 3, Anna Hummingbird 74, Allen Hummingbird 2, Belted Kingfisher 1, Red-shafted Flicker 114, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4, Downy Woodpecker 6, Black Phoebe 31, Horned Lark 17, Scrub Jay 12, Raven 6, Am. Crow 1, Chestnut-backed Chickadee 42, Plain Titmouse 2, Bush-tit 88, Red-breasted Nuthatch 14, Brown Creeper 3, Wren-tit 2, Winter Wren 5, Bewick Wren 3, Long-billed Marsh Wren 2, Robin 118, Varied Thrush 12, Hermit Thrush 61, Golden-crowned Kinglet 10, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 69, Water Pipit 32, Cedar Waxwing 1, Loggerhead Shrike 4, Hutton Vireo 8, Orange-crowned Warbler 2, Myrtle Warbler 1, Audubon Warbler 218, Townsend Warbler 3, Yellow-throat 6, House Sparrow 321, Western Meadowlark 91, Brewer Blackbird 787, Purple Finch 8, House Finch 582, Pine Siskin 13, Am. Goldfinch 1, Lesser Goldfinch 2, Spotted Towhee 17, Oregon Junco 383, White-crowned Sparrow 1192, Golden-crowned Sparrow 244, White-throated Sparrow 1, Fox Sparrow 203, Song Sparrow 152. Total 114 species, 38,932 individuals. Betty and Harry Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bartow, Grace Ball, Albert Boles, Sadie Bozant, Carl Carson, Robert Chase, Laurence Curl, William Currie, Jerome Denham, Helen Desort, Marshall and Ruth Fauhl, John Fitzpatrick, Eve and Lynn Foree, Carl Fox, Bruce Harris, Bert Harwell, Joel Hedgpeth, Erline Hevel, Frank Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hood, Junea W. Kelly, Mary and Richard Leinbach, Ernest Levinger, Mrs. A. Long, William Lutz, Blanche Mack, Ethel Matheson, Edward Mayers, Hans Meinhardt, Arthur Myer, Aileen Pierson, Harold Peterson, Florence Plymell, William Pope, Russell Pray, Steven Pulver, Ethel Richardson, Amy Rinehart, Joseph Ryan, Kenneth Schulz, Terry Schulz,

Dorothy Dean and Frank Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Loris Smith, Sandy Sprunt, Marie Sterne, Lee Stallcup, David Toll, Peter Turner, Laura Stephens, Evelyn and Marjorie Van Seyoc, Paul von Hafften, Hazel Walsh, Peter Veitch, Minnie Young — total observers 64.

— ARTHUR H. MYER, *Compiler.*

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## REPORT OF FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE FOR 1953

MONTH	REGULAR SUNDAY TRIPS	ATTENDANCE	SPECIES
January	Tomales Bay .....	45 .....	67
February	San Leandro Reservoir .....	35 .....	53
March	Rodeo Lagoon .....	40 .....	62
April	Arroyo Mocho-McCoy Ranch .....	45 .....	59
May	Lokoya Lodge-Napa & Sonoma Counties .....	25 .....	57
June	Mt. Hamilton Springs .....	27 .....	71
July	Fremont Peak & Moss Landing .....	40 .....	68
August	Bay Farm Island .....	42 .....	31
September	Alviso & Dumbarton Bridge .....	45 .....	48
October	Shell Beach, Point Reyes, Bolinas .....	30 .....	73
November	Conn Lake .....	50 .....	87
December	Marin Lakes .....	35 .....	58
Average		38	61

### REGULAR SATURDAY TRIPS

January	Lake Merritt .....	30 .....	40
February	Berkeley Aquatic Park & Pier .....	27 .....	42
March	Jewel Lake .....	21 .....	39
April	Bay Farm Island .....	30 .....	47
May	Golden Gate Park .....	35 .....	36
June	Strawberry Canyon .....	13 .....	28
July	Land's End .....	15 .....	23
August	Orinda & Vicinity .....	20 .....	24
September	Golden Gate Park .....	23 .....	27
October	Lake Temescal .....	30 .....	35
November	Berk. Aquatic Pk. & Strawberry Canyon .....	25 .....	65
December	None .....	.....	.....
Average		24	37

### SPECIAL TRIPS

May 17 - 24	Chiricahua Mts., Arizona .....	20 .....	102
Grand Average		31 .....	52

Totals 748

— ALBERT BOLES, *Field Trips Chairman.*

Three birds were seen on the field trips within the state which were new to the life list — Falcated Teal, Least Tern and Golden Plover. The Chiricahua trip netted some 31 additional new species: Black Vulture, Zone-tailed Hawk, Scaled Quail, Gambel Quail, Turkey, White-winged Dove, Inca Dove, Elf Owl, Whip-poor-will, Blue-throated Hummingbird, Ariz. Woodpecker, Sulfur-bellied Flycatcher, Olivaceous Flycatcher, Buff-breasted Flycatcher, Coues Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Ariz. Jay, White-necked Raven, Mexican Chickadee, Bridled Titmouse, Virginia Warbler, Grace Warbler, Red-faced Warbler, Painted Redstart, Eastern Meadowlark, Scott Oriole, Hepatic Tanager, Summer Tanager, Cardinal, Desert Sparrow, and Ariz. Junco.

Efforts to trap California Condors on behalf of the San Diego Zoo were a failure. It is understood future attempts are prohibited by a state law.

Among the newly elected officers of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society are: President, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, former president of the GGAS; and Second Vice President, A. Laurence Curl. The Northern Division meets the first Thursday of the month in the Life Sciences Building of the Berkeley Campus of the University of California.

### FEBRUARY MEETING

The 437th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the Commissioners' Room of the San Francisco public Library, Civic Center, on February 11, at 7:30 p.m. After the regular business meeting, Dr. Edgar Wayburn, President of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, will give an illustrated talk on "Conservation 1954".

— MRS. BUDD J. SMITH, *Program Chairman*.

### FEBRUARY TRIP TO RITCHIE RANCH

On Sunday, February 7, if weather permits. Take Route 24 through Concord and Antioch to junction with Route 12. Turn right on Route 12, pass Terminus, and meet at The Rodeo, a coffee house on the route, at 11 a.m. This trip is planned earlier in the month than usual in the hope that we may see flocks of Sandhill Cranes. Many other interesting birds are found in this region. The ranch is about 80 miles from Berkeley. Leader, Myra Browne, TW. 3-5469. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescopes and interested friends.

### FEBRUARY TRIP TO BERKELEY AQUATIC PARK

On Saturday, February 20. Another trip to Berkeley Aquatic Park will be held since the last trip was somewhat unsuccessful on account of an unusually heavy fog. Some may wish to visit the nearby Berkeley Pier. Meet at south end of the park near the model yacht testing pool at 9 a.m. Leader, Harold G. Peterson, LO. 8-7534. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, telescopes, and interested friends.

— FRANK A. SCOTT, *Chairman, Field Trips Committee*.

At the January Meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, the slate of officers as announced in the January GULL were elected, except the vice presidents are no longer designated as first and second.

SCREEN TOUR LECTURE -- The fourth in the series will be held on Friday, February 26; speaker, Robert C. Hermes. "Once Upon an Island", at the Berkeley High School Little Theatre at 8:00 p.m.

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